

I listen to several stations via translators in my rural community - Laramie, WY. The programs I listen to mostly include non-profit religious broadcasting which would probably not be financially viable without a station being able to establish a broad translator network. It's hard to establish live programming with a relatively small number of listeners - and I doubt the quality of the programming would be the same even if it was done by LPFM stations. Without these translators being able to be broadly established, this type of programming simply would not exist in my town. Low power FM should not have priority over translator stations for the public airwaves; While local control of stations is a current issue, a diversity of programming is also in the public interest, including translator stations from outside the local area.